

NEWSLETTER



July/August 2016

With the season being at the halfway point and bowls being an almost daily activity for a lot of members, there is plenty of material here for amusement, information and consideration. We have an update on the vandalism that took place in late June and an update on security, observations from Steve regarding (bad) habits on the green, social event reports and tag-up concerns from Bill Ward. There are some tournament results to mention and reflections on the Saturday and Sunday morning bowls experiment.

COACH'S CORNER

Bowling and coaching continue with coaches on hand to help on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Everyone can benefit from these sessions, both beginners and experienced bowlers. Tags up at 1:00 p.m.



UMPIRE'S CORNER

Here are a few things to remember when bowling:

1. **Towels** – towels are allowed on the green **as long as they are placed behind the bowls. Do not cover bowls or place dampened towels on the bowls.** Towels should not be dragged along the green to indicate the line of a bowl to be delivered.
2. **Bowl Lifters** – bowls lifters are allowed on the green. They should be **placed behind the bowls or carried.** Bowl lifters should not be dragged along the green to indicate the line of a bowl to be delivered. **Do not leave your bowl lifter holding a bowl in the pile of bowls behind the mat.** Someone could bend down to pick up their bowl and get poked in the face.
3. **Bowling Shoes** – bowling shoes must not have a raised heel, may have a tread as long as the tread is no deeper than ¼ inch. Sandals are permitted but they must have a strap to support them behind the ankle. **No flip flops.**
4. **Rink of Play** – be aware of where you are on your rink. Do not enter an adjacent rink unless you are picking up an errant bowl (wrong bias, etc.). Carry bowl pushers (rakes) on to your rink and don't push them on to an adjacent rink to get around the bowls on your rink. Someone on the adjacent rink may be delivering a bowl.

Steve Foster

YOUTH PROGRAM

Our four young players continued to train once a week before the Provincial Championships on July 8 – 10. We held a very successful “Pizza and Bowls” evening on June 15 at Gordon Head with youth players from BSI, their parents and coaches. Pizza was a very popular choice of food! Two of our youth players, Max and Arden, went to the Provincials in Sidney and after three full days of play they came back with two medals – Gold for Max and Bronze for Arden. Well done champs!! Max is now preparing for the Junior National Championships which are being held in North Vancouver August 1 – 4.

Annie

TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS WITH THE TAG-UP

As we all know, or should know by now, **tag-up is 15 minutes before play begins**. This gives the person in charge of the board time to organize the rinks. This task is not as easy as it looks so please make the organizer's job easier by arriving early or on time. Below are some comments regarding tag-up time and matters related to it.

1. An attempt is made to accommodate all players.
2. A non-issue is players forgetting to tag-up. Solution: loud reminders.
3. A minor irritant: players socializing in front of the tag-up board. Solution: go somewhere else to socialize.
4. A not so minor irritant: a player changing their name tag or another player's name tag from one position to another without informing the tag-up person. An attempt is made to have all teams balanced in terms of ability. Changing the position can have a negative impact on the balance within a team. Solution: Do not touch the tag-up board. Certainly a request for a change can be made.
5. A more serious problem: **players arriving late**.

Some players, knowing that they will be late, phone the Club house to have their name tags placed on the board. If they not going to be more than **ten minutes** late the tag-up is made. **However, a player arriving after the tag-up is completed and games have already started cannot expect to be included in a game. No change will be made to the arrangements already in place.** Solution: Be on time for tag-up. Phone the club if you will be late. You have 15 minutes between tag-up and start of play.

One exception to this rule: a Cut Throat game can be changed to a pairs game (if a Cut Throat game happens to be being played).

Note: Players requesting to play together can be readily accommodated, provided the request is made early enough. Teams preparing to play in a tournament can also be accommodated, provided they do not run up a score against a club team.



Bill Ward

TOURNAMENT RESULTS - BOWLS SOUTH ISLAND

Findlay Memorial Mixed Triples – winners - Svend Klausen, June Klausen, Bud Randall

Jubilee Pacific Pairs – winners – David Gardner, Dennis Verge

Wilkerson Men's Pairs – winners – David Gardner, Dennis Verge

Silver Tray Women's Scotch Pairs – runners up Section C – Annie Bodley-Scott, Cecelia Wilson

Dogwood Mixed Pairs – winners – Floyd Ruttan, Donna Adamowicz

Runners up – Steve Foster, Jill Foster

Ashford Mixed Triples – winners – Josie Tan, Jill Foster, Steve Foster

South Island Men's Pairs – winners – David Gardner, Svend Klausen

GORDON HEAD LBC

Harding Men's Singles – winner – David Gardner

Runner up – Floyd Ruttan

Hutchings Mixed Pairs – winners – Jim McLennan, Sandra McConnell

2nd place – Steve Foster, Jenny Coy

2 game winners – Josie Tan, Eric Elin

1 game winners – Annie Bodley-Scott, Robin Hittos

Corby Men's Pairs – winners - Al Thomson, Robin Hittos

2nd place – Jim Hill, Max Bodley-Scott/Herb Grew

3rd place – Ben Mason, Peter Coy

(Note: Al and Robin were assisted by Marty and Andy (aka Mary Howarth and Annie Bodley-Scott) when it was found that another pair was needed to even the numbers and the ladies just happened to be on the premises. Marty and Andy won the first game then left things in the men's capable hands. Rather a Mixed-Up Pairs!

Beckwith Scotch pairs – winners Floyd Ruttan and Sue Coell

2nd 3 game winners – Jay Huang, Rosemary Ward

2 game winners – Gale Law, Dorothy Verge

1 game winners – Gail Richards, Miriam Li

Congratulations to all our winners! See photos on the website.

VANDALISM

For the third year in a row the Club was the object of mischief. This time the chairs and benches were placed on the green and the hose turned on and left till morning. The greens were thoroughly flooded and play was cancelled. The police were called and an officer came over to the Club to look at the situation. No real damage was done but our security arrangements were called into question. It was recommended that we have the Crime Prevention Officer come over and meet with the manager of the Recreation Centre and myself to discuss what could be done. The result of this meeting was that we must remove the barbed wire from the top of the gates and fence and raise the height of the gates. We must also replace our outside lights with motion detector lighting. It was also suggested that we allow the hedges to grow taller in future.

As Chair of the Capital Projects Committee, Dennis is looking into all this. Saanich has been in touch with us and it is likely that we will be able to share the cost of the lighting and gates. As yet we have no idea of the cost of this but it may be necessary to have a Special Meeting at some point. The wood on the side gate is rotten where the post I screwed into the wall so we might give some consideration to replacing the gate with a metal one with a post set into the cement.

I phoned the nearby schools and made them aware of the mischief that has happened in the past three years and they have taken it under advisement.

Annie

WEEKEND MORNING BOWLING

Saturday and Sunday morning bowling will continue until the end of August. After that the Executive will be asking for feedback on the success of this experiment. We were expecting another very hot summer like last year when this idea was put into effect but so far the weather has been quite pleasant. That could well change in the coming weeks. Any time anyone has comments to make on this subject, we are here to listen and pay attention to opinions. Thanks to Dorothy Verge for taking on organizing Saturday mornings and to Eric Elin for taking over tag-up on Sundays. Also a vote of thanks to Bill Ward for making sure someone is there to start all four sessions.

SOCIAL EVENTS

SALMON BBQ AND NORM STORY SKILLS: Friday, August 12.

Hosts: Dan and Connie Munro

1:00 pm - Norm Story Skills

Drinks - 4:00 pm - BBQ to follow.

Tickets \$13 each from: Gale Law: 250-477-7641

Gail Ruttan: 250-477-0087

Mary Howarth: 250-592-3086



CHICKEN BBQ Saturday, September 10 – hosts: Mary Howarth and team

GOOD BOWLING!